

Guidance to completing the BRISC checklist

If the child you are concerned about is 7 years or under (and does not have difficulties with: eating and drinking, cleft lip/palate, resonance (nasality), voice quality, stammering or a hearing loss), you will need to complete a BRISC form. This is to help you identify whether you need to **EITHER** wait, monitor and put some strategies in place to support the child **OR** consider referring the child.

How do I use BRISC?

You can download the BRISC document from our website:

<https://swindonspeechandlanguagetherapy.wordpress.com/how-do-i-get-my-child-seen/>. There is lots of useful information in it, however, **the checklists you need are at the end of the document**. Find the **checklist closest to the child's age**:

Child's current age	Checklist you need to use
12-14 months	12 months
15-20 months	18 months
21 months – 2 years, 2 months	2 years
2 years, 3 months – 2 years, 8 months	2 ½ years
2 years, 9 months – 3 years, 2 months	3 years
3 years, 3 months – 3 years, 8 months	3 ½ years
3 years, 9 months – 4 years, 11 months	4-5 years
5 years – 5 years, 11 months	5-6 years
6 years – 7 years.	6-7 years

- 1) Fill in the details at the top – especially the child's name, their age (in years and months), who has filled in the checklist and the date you filled it in.
- 2) Then, answer the questions in the 'information gathering section'. Remember to include some examples!
- 3) Finally, you need to look at the statements in the 'monitor' and 'refer' boxes. **Tick or highlight any of the statements that are true**. If there is anything ticked or highlighted in the 'refer' box, then you may need to refer the child. Now look back at the referral criteria pathway to find out what you need to do next.